

# Wisconsin Diesel Truck Idling Reduction Grant Program

The Department of Commerce (COMMERCE) is implementing a new grant program to reduce diesel truck idling. This new program was created by the Governor's budget bill, 2005 Wisconsin Act 25. The program is designed to assist common, contract and private motor carriers in the purchase and installation of idling reduction technology. Motor carriers are eligible for 70% reimbursement for the purchase and installation of idling reduction equipment. The program's primary goals are to help Wisconsin motor carriers reduce air pollution emissions and fuel consumption.

**Eligible Applicants:** An eligible applicant must meet all of the following:

1. Is a common, contract or private motor carrier that transports freight.
2. Is headquartered in the state of Wisconsin.
3. Pays 30% of the eligible costs for each idling reduction unit covered by this grant.
4. Agrees to collect and report information relating to the operation and performance of each idling reduction unit covered under this grant.

**Eligible Costs:**

- Idling reduction unit (base price)
- Installation of the idling reduction unit

**Ineligible Costs:**

- The cost of shipping an idling reduction unit from the manufacturer to the facility where the unit will be installed.
- The cost of operating an idling reduction unit
- The cost of maintaining an idling reduction unit
- Self installation of idling reduction equipment
- Accessories that are in addition to the basic idling reduction unit (ex., chrome exhaust, power inverter, etc).

**Funding Availability**

The program will award one million dollars per year in grants through June 2011.

**Reporting Requirement**

Grant awardees are required to submit a six-and twelve-month post installation report. The reports must be taken from an on-board electronic record.

**The Application Process**

The Diesel Truck Idling Reduction Grant Program involves the following steps:

**Step 1:** Determine eligibility and allowable number of units the grant will fund.

**Step 2:** Research idling reduction technology options.

**Step 3:** Get an itemized price quote from vendor.

**Step 4:** Submit application (available in 2007 at the web page shown below) and itemized price quote to Commerce for review (accepting applications starting July 1, 2007). Applications submitted before July 1, 2007 will be ineligible.

**Step 5:** If application is fundable, Commerce will send the applicant an award letter, followed by a contract.

**Step 6:** Review, complete and sign contract. Return to Commerce.

**Step 7:** Purchase and install unit(s).

**Step 8:** Submit copy of paid invoice to Commerce.

**Step 9:** Receive 80% reimbursement for eligible amount (80% of the 70%).

**Step 10:** After submitting semi-annual and annual reports, applicant receives remaining 20% of funds.

### **What if I'm applying for more than one idling reduction unit?**

Applicants applying for grants covering more than one idling reduction unit must purchase idling reduction units of more than one type and from more than one manufacturer.

### **Are all truck tractors eligible under this program?**

NO. Only truck tractors with post-1998 diesel truck engines are eligible (1999 or newer). A post-1998 engine means a heavy-duty highway diesel engine that complies with the air pollutant emission standards promulgated by the federal environmental protection agency under 42 USC 7521 for engine model year 1998 or a later engine model year.

The following table identifies how many truck tractors could be funded under this program:

Applicant's number of Eligible (Post-1998 Engine) Truck Tractor	Maximum Number of Units Funded
1	1
2 to 10	2
11 to 50	2, or 10% of the applicant's number of eligible truck tractors, whichever is greater
51 to 250	6, or 7% of the applicant's number of eligible truck tractors, whichever is greater
251 to 500	18, or 6% of the applicant's number of eligible truck tractors, whichever is greater
501 to 2,500	25, or 5% of the applicant's number of eligible truck tractors, whichever is greater
Over 2,500	3% of the applicant's number of eligible truck tractors

### **Are Truck Tractors Without Sleeper Cabs Eligible?**

The department may refuse to award a grant for purchasing and installing an idling reduction unit on a truck tractor that does not have a sleeper berth.

### **Additional Resources:**

- **Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (EPA):** The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative is a collaboration of federal, state and local agencies, along with communities, non-profit organizations and private companies working together to reduce emissions from diesel engines in the Midwest. <http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/>

- **EPA Smartway Program:** The SmartWay Transport Partnership is a voluntary collaboration between U.S. EPA and the freight industry designed to increase energy efficiency while significantly reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution. SmartWay Transport Partners lead the way towards a cleaner, more efficient transportation future by adopting fuel-saving strategies that increase profits and reduce emissions -- a "win-win" opportunity for all. <http://www.epa.gov/smartway/index.htm>

### **Where Do I Submit My Application?**

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